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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)
Appl. No. 08/935,377; Filed: September 22, 1997
For: **Methods for Selecting Polynucleotides Encoding T Cell Epitopes**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
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3. CPA Transmittal Form PTO/SB/29;
4. Preliminary Amendment;
5. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Form PTO-1449 citing 2 documents;
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8. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$628.00 to cover:
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Respectfully submitted,

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